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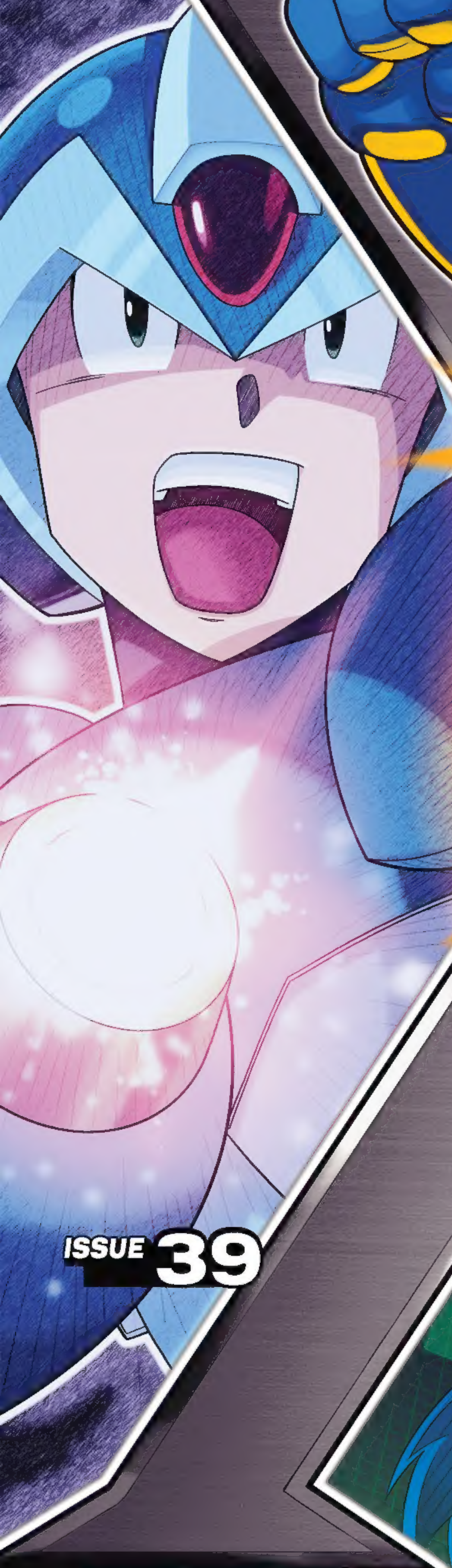
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# MEGA MAN™

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PEPPERS  
MARTIN



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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!



## DAWN OF X

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### In the Present...

Dr. Wily has been cleared of all wrong-doing, and now works with Mega Man to track down eight supposedly rogue Robot Masters and the powerful Energy Elements they stole. Mega Man was sent to investigate an old weapons lab of Dr. Wily's to see if the Robot Masters were hiding there, but found something far worse...



#### In the Future...

X had joined Dr. Cain in an archaeological dig that unwittingly unearthed the Wily Walker! As deadly as it was one hundred years ago, it has escaped and is marching to attack the nearest city. The Maverick Hunters have arrived to stop it, but they don't realize destroying it could bring more doom...



#### CHARACTER SELECT



**MEGA MAN**  
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT



**DR. WILY**  
EX-MAD SCIENTIST



**X**  
THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT



**ZERO**  
X'S BEST FRIEND

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YEAR: 20XX...

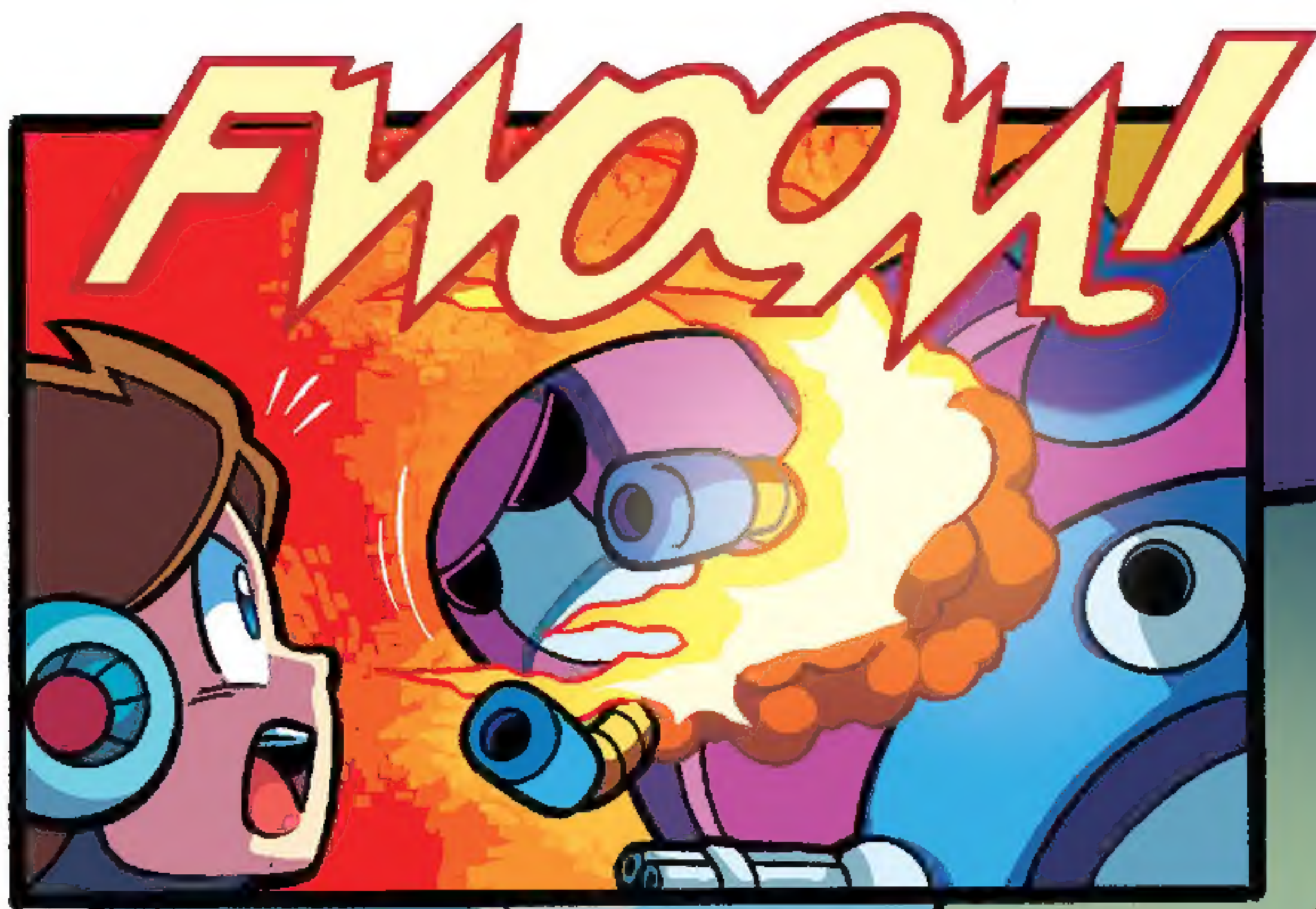
UH...  
DOCTORS?  
I MANAGED  
TO TRAP THE  
WILY WALKER  
IN THE  
LAB...

MEGA MAN  
DR. LIGHT'S  
ROBOT SON

DAWN OF X Part 3:  
OUT of TIME  
TIME

...SO  
NOW  
WHAT  
?!

WILY WALKER  
DR. WILY'S  
OLD WAR  
MACHINE



MOVE, MEGA MAN,  
MOVE! WE'VE GOT TO  
COME UP WITH A PLAN!  
WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS  
THING HEAD ON!

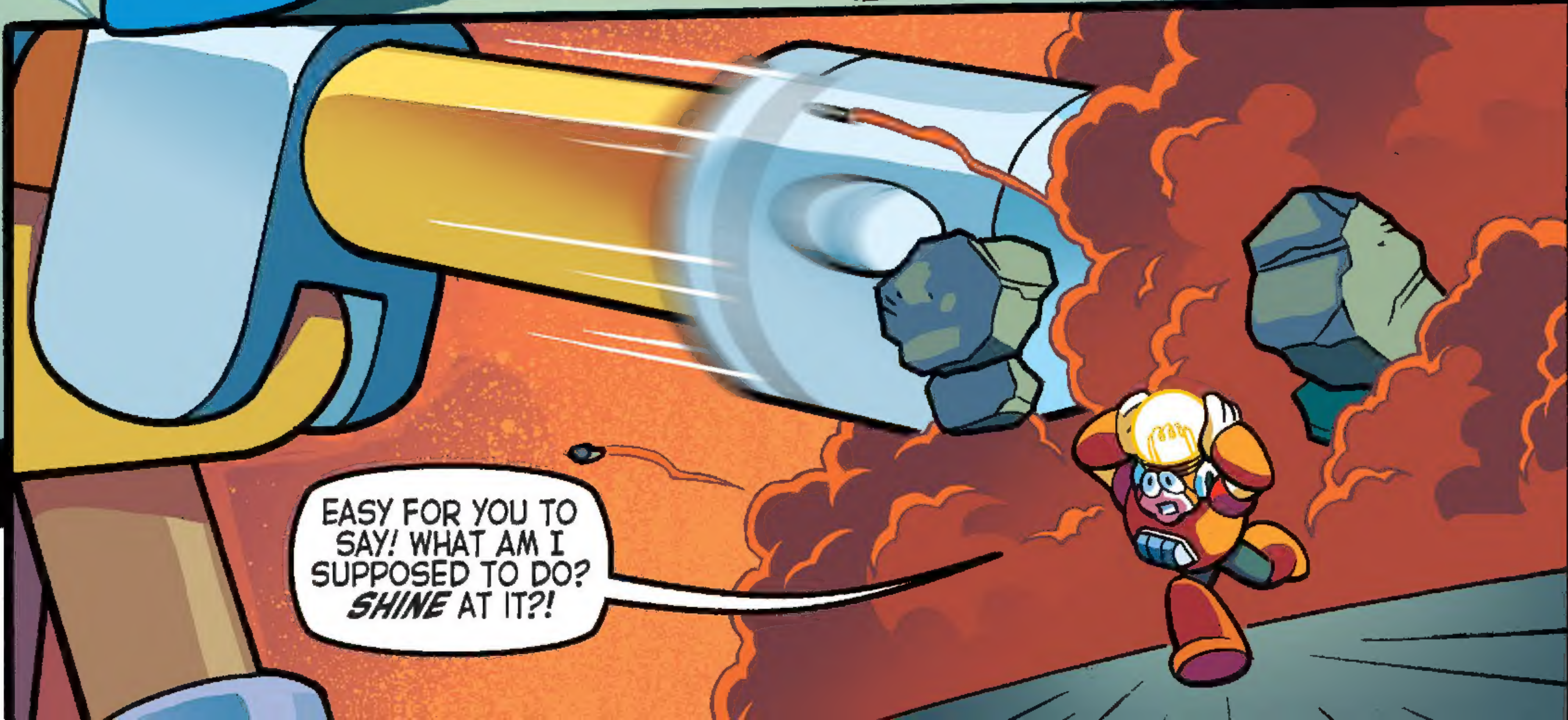
BRIGHT MAN  
DR. COSSACK'S  
ILLUMINATING  
ROBOT MASTER

PHARAOH MAN  
DR. COSSACK'S  
TOMB-EXPLORING  
ROBOT MASTER



**BLAM!**

RIGHT! TRY TO  
KEEP IT OFF  
BALANCE UNTIL WE  
FIGURE SOME-  
THING OUT!



EASY FOR YOU TO  
SAY! WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO DO?  
*SHINE* AT IT?!

MEANWHILE--  
AT LIGHT  
LABS...

KEEP ON STRUGGLING,  
MEGA BRAT! I'LL BE HAPPY  
TO OVERHAUL MY MASTER  
PLAN IF IT MEANS THOMAS'S  
OH-SO-PRECIOUS BOY GETS  
OBLITERATED BY ONE OF MY  
OLD EXPERIMENTS!

DR. WILY  
"REFORMED"  
MAD SCIENTIST

ALBERT! ANY LUCK  
CONTACTING ANY OF  
MY ROBOT MASTERS?

ER...  
NO! SORRY,  
TOM...

CALL TIME: 12:35 ENDED: 12:35  
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36  
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36  
CALL TIME: 12:37 ENDED: 12:37

DELETE CALL RECORDS?  
[ENTER TO CONFIRM]

~~Fire Man~~  
~~Guts Man~~  
~~Cut Man~~  
~~Oil Man~~  
~~Bomb Man~~

...BUT THEY'RE  
EITHER BUSY OR  
NOT ANSWERING!

HOLD ON, SON! WE'RE  
WORKING ON A COUNTER-  
MEASURE AS FAST AS  
WE CAN!

HMM...THIS DOESN'T  
LOOK COMPATIBLE.  
ROLL, SEE IF THERE'S  
A CONVERTER IN  
THERE.

YES, SIR!

DR. LIGHT  
MEGA MAN'S  
CREATOR

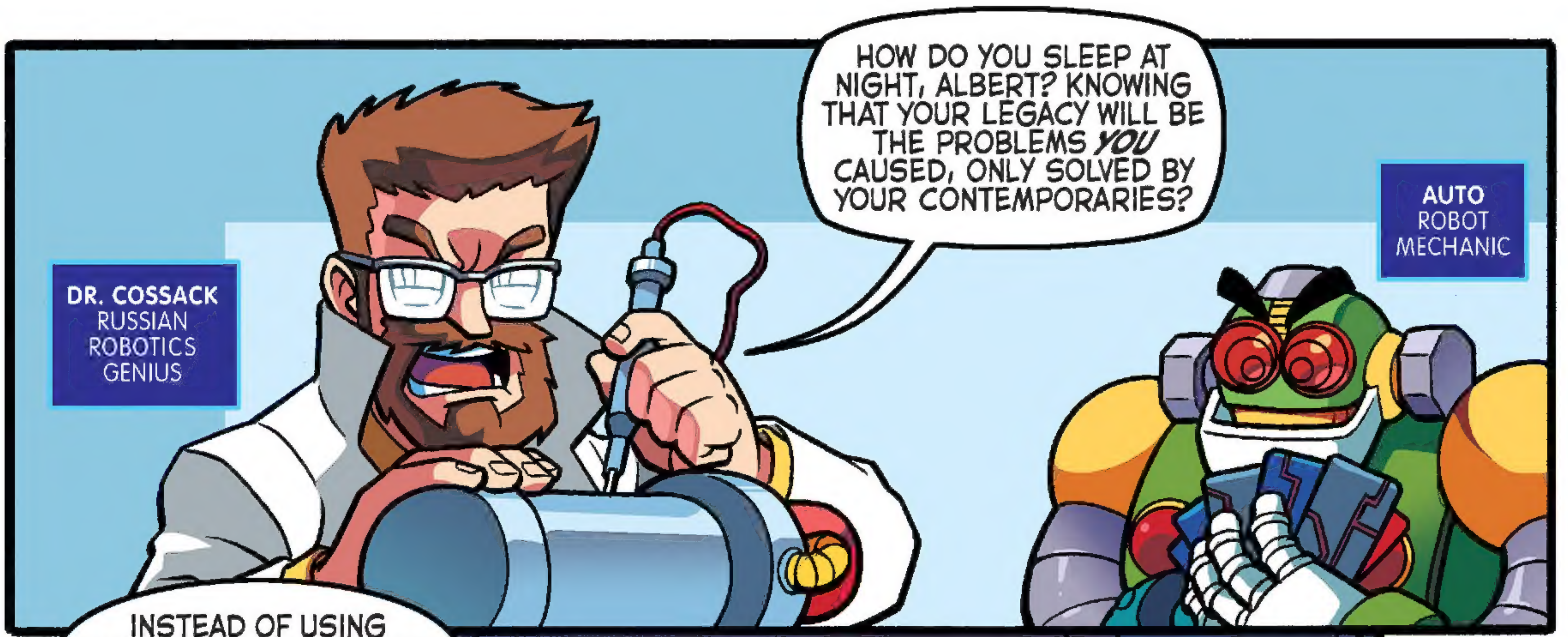
ROLL  
MEGA MAN'S  
SISTER

FOUND IT!

PERFECT! NOW  
SEE IF YOU CAN  
FIND US SOME  
BOLTS.

RIGHT AWAY.  
C'MON, RUSH, I'LL  
NEED YOUR HELP.

I SWEAR, WE GO  
THROUGH BOLTS SO  
FAST, THEY'RE GOING  
TO BECOME MORE  
VALUABLE THAN MONEY  
AROUND HERE!

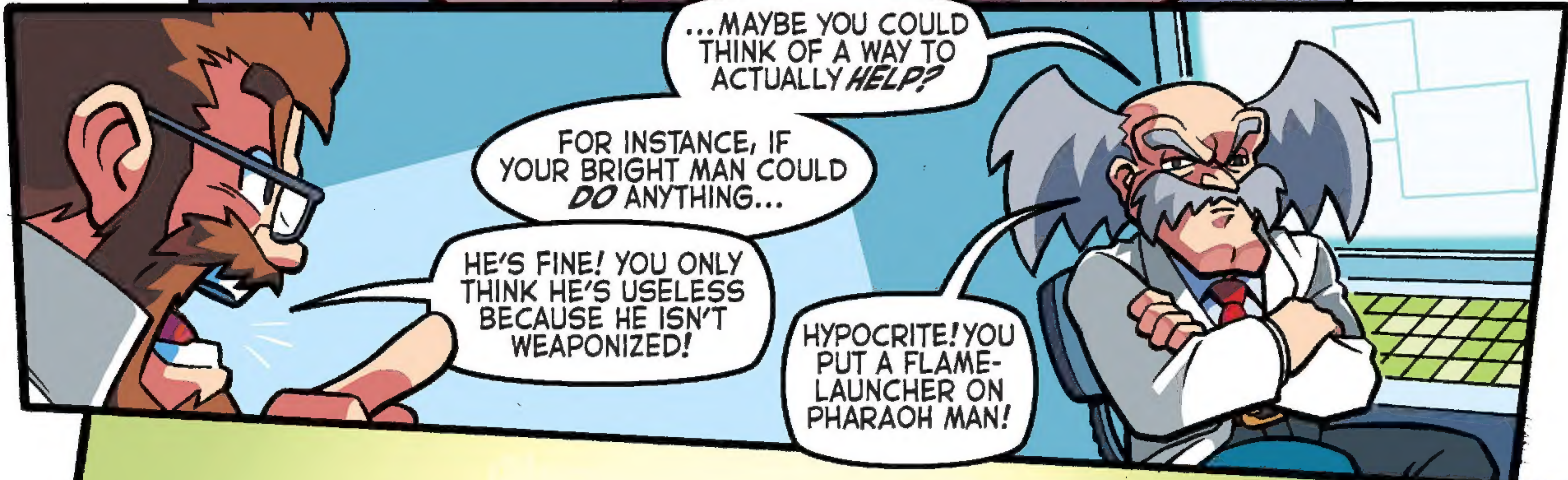


DR. COSSACK  
RUSSIAN  
ROBOTICS  
GENIUS

AUTO  
ROBOT  
MECHANIC

HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT, ALBERT? KNOWING THAT YOUR LEGACY WILL BE THE PROBLEMS YOU CAUSED, ONLY SOLVED BY YOUR CONTEMPORARIES?

INSTEAD OF USING THAT ANALYTIC *GENIUS* OF YOURS TO *NAG* ME...

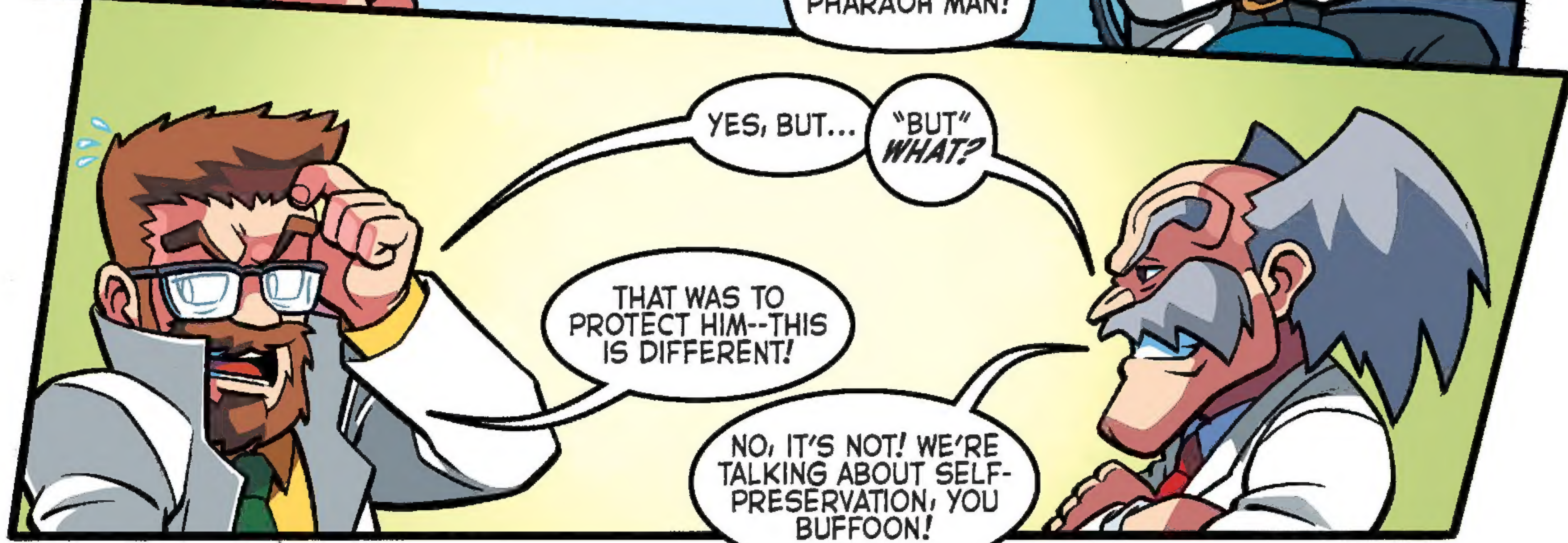


...MAYBE YOU COULD THINK OF A WAY TO ACTUALLY *HELP*?

FOR INSTANCE, IF YOUR BRIGHT MAN COULD *DO* ANYTHING...

HE'S FINE! YOU ONLY THINK HE'S USELESS BECAUSE HE ISN'T WEAPONIZED!

HYPOCRITE! YOU PUT A FLAME-LAUNCHER ON PHARAOH MAN!



YES, BUT...

"BUT" WHAT?

THAT WAS TO PROTECT HIM--THIS IS DIFFERENT!

NO, IT'S NOT! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SELF-PRESERVATION, YOU BUFFOON!

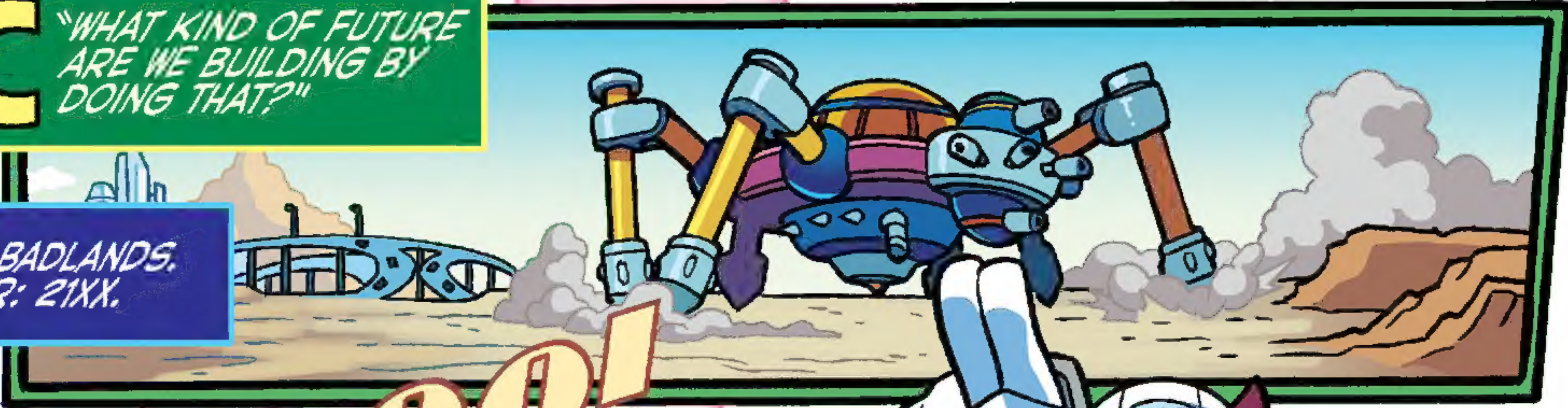


MIKHAIL... I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT HE'S RIGHT. EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING TO SLOW OR DETER THAT MONSTROUS MACHINE. WE CAN ALWAYS REMOVE THE MODIFICATIONS LATER.

FINE. *FINE*. I JUST HATE THE IDEA OF WEAPONIZING EVERY ROBOT WE CREATE...

“WHAT KIND OF FUTURE  
ARE WE BUILDING BY  
DOING THAT?”

THE BADLANDS,  
YEAR: 21XX.



PSHOOO!

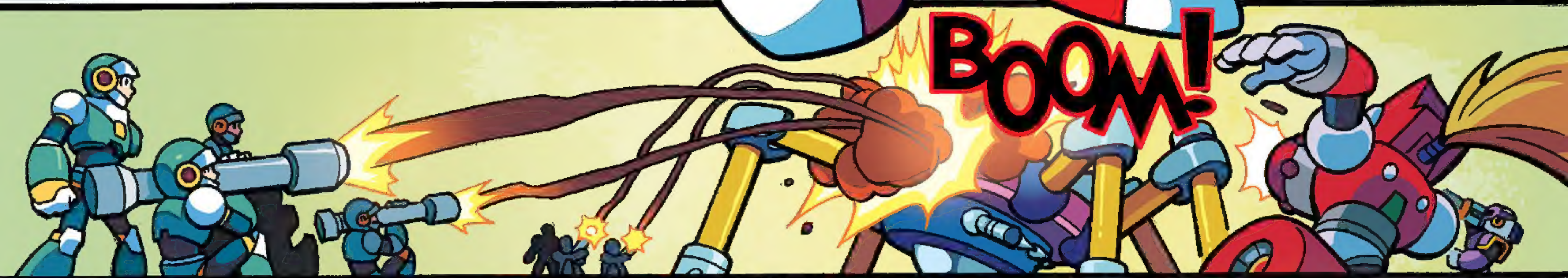
ZERO COMPANY!  
VILE COMPANY!  
TARGET ITS  
RIGHT FLANK!

ON MY  
MARK--  
FIRE!

MAVERICK  
HUNTERS  
PEACE-KEEPING  
REPLOIDS

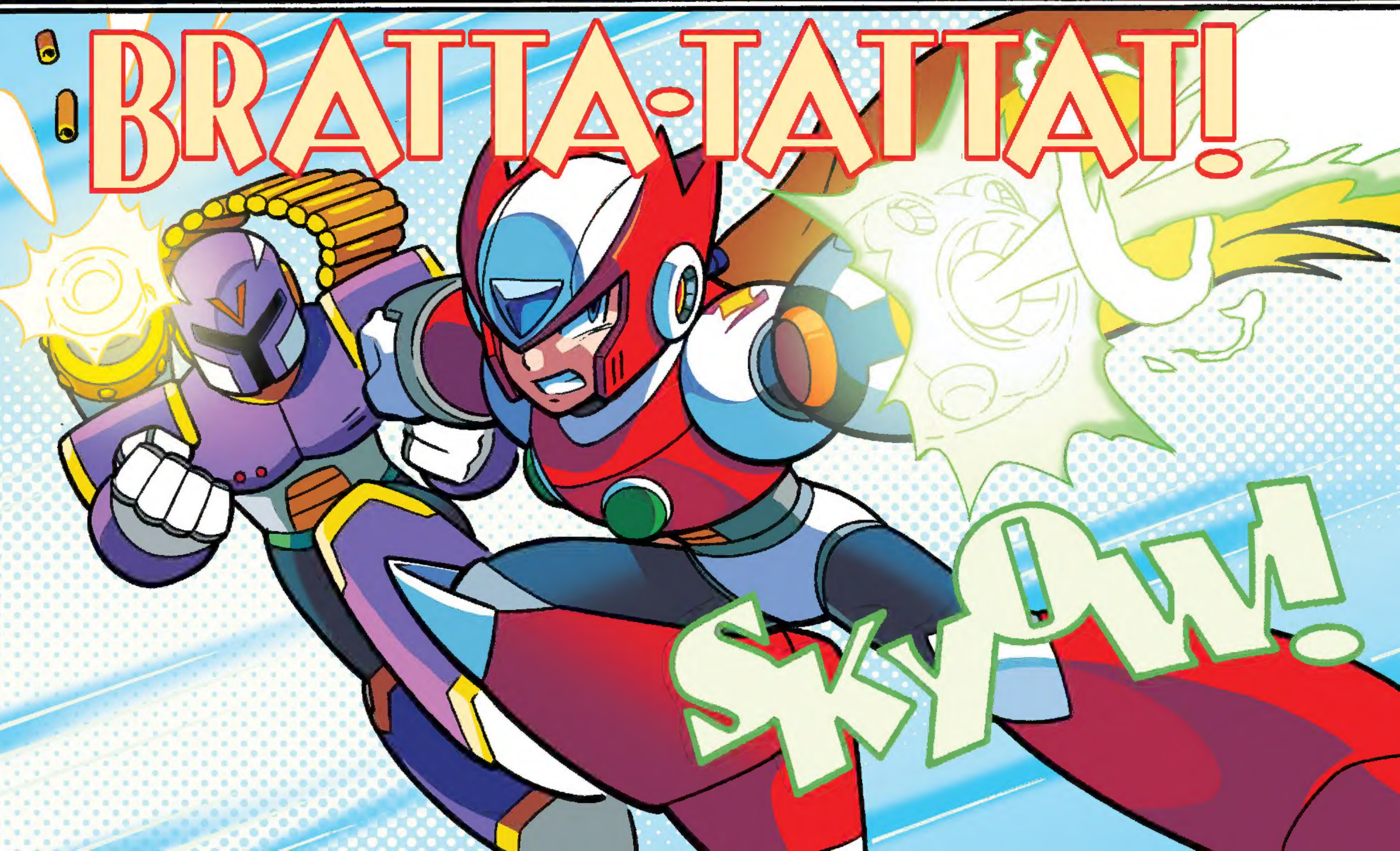
ZERO  
17TH ELITE  
UNIT

VILE  
17TH ELITE  
UNIT



BOOM!

BRATTA-TATTAT!



SKYOW!

FRT GUNS: OFFLINE  
SR CHEM: OFFLINE  
BTM GUN: **ONLINE**  
LR CHEM: **ONLINE**  
REAR GUN 1: OFFLINE  
REAR GUN 2: OFFLINE  
REAR GUN 3: **ONLINE**  
REAR GUN 4: OFFLINE  
REAR GUN 5: OFFLINE  
REAR GUN 6: **ONLINE**  
REAR GUN 7: **ONLINE**



>>ANALYZING... >>UNIT SIGNAL IDENTIFIED >>RECTIFYING

HEY!  
DON'T YOU  
IGNORE  
ME!

# BRATTIA-TATTAT!

IT KNOWS WHO  
THE *REAL* THREAT  
IS HERE, PRETTY  
BOY!

OVERLOOK  
ME, HUH?  
LAST MISTAKE  
YOU'LL  
MAKE...



# BOOM



# VREEEE



# BIAM!



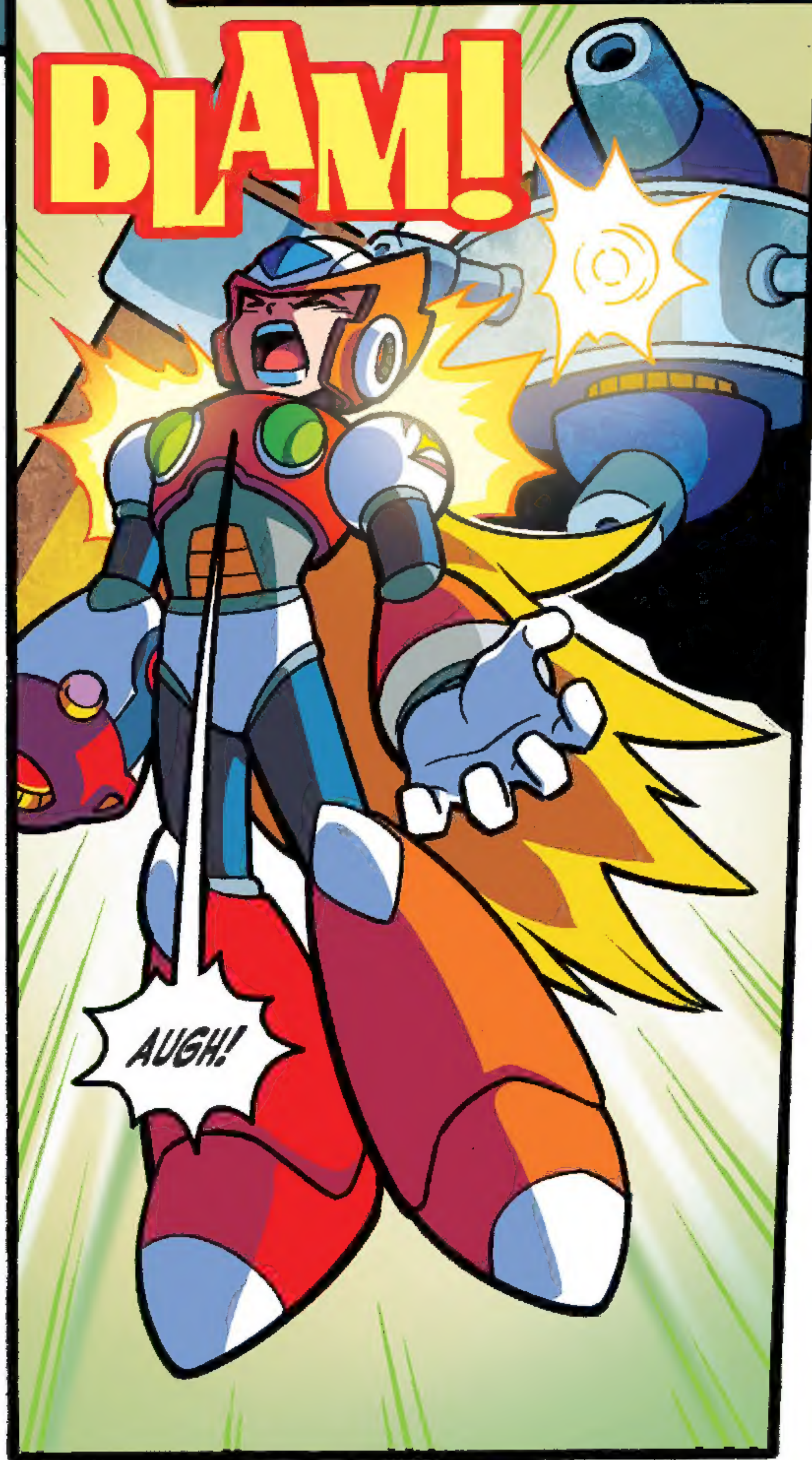
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REAR CAM

>>MARKING UNIT AS HOSTILE >>ENGAGING

# BIAM!



ZERO! SIR! HOLD ON! I'M--

STAY OUT OF RANGE!



HEH... SORRY TO SEND YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS, X...





"...YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE FUN!"

MESA EXCAVATION SITE, NOT FAR AWAY...

DOCTOR CAIN!

DR. CAIN  
GENIUS  
ARCHAEOLOGIST



BOOM!

BIAM!

X  
PRECURSOR  
TO THE  
REPLOIDS



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!

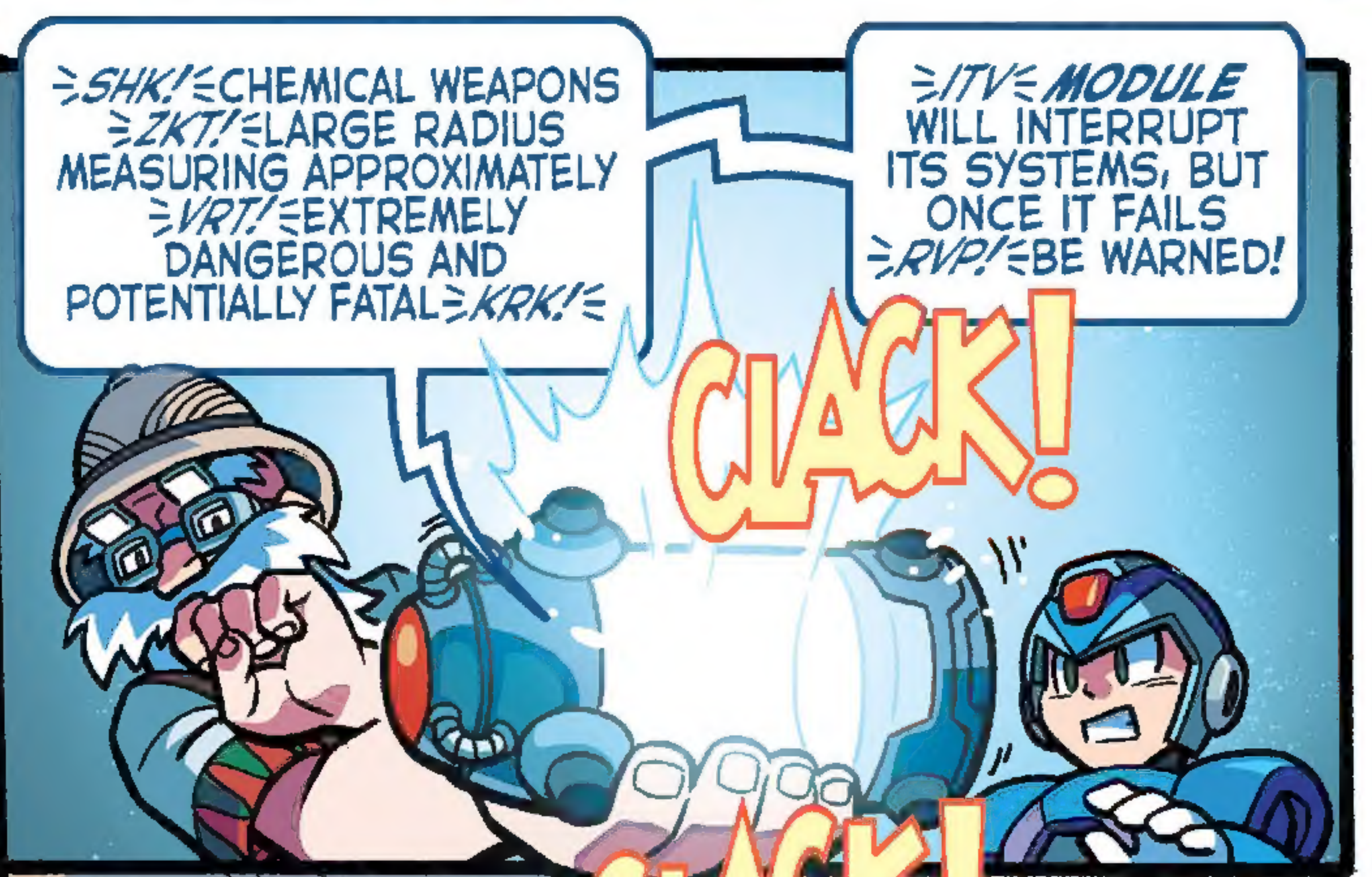
NOT YET, X! I CAME DOWN HERE TO UNEARTH WONDERS. INSTEAD, I UNLEASHED A HORROR.



YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

ALL THE SAME, I NEED TO DO SOMETHING. I'M HOPING THIS DEVICE I'VE FOUND MIGHT BE OF HELP...

AND IF THIS BLOWS UP ON ME, IT SERVES ME RIGHT!



≡SHK!≡CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
≡ZKT!≡LARGE RADIUS MEASURING APPROXIMATELY  
≡VRT!≡EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY FATAL≡KRK!≡

≡ITV≡MODULE WILL INTERRUPT ITS SYSTEMS, BUT ONCE IT FAILS  
≡RVP!≡BE WARNED!

CLACK!

CLACK!



DEAR LORD ...CHEMICAL WEAPONS...

IF THE HUNTERS BLOW IT UP...

CLACK!

"...THE CHEMICALS  
COULD BE SPREAD  
WHO KNOWS HOW  
FAR!"

**BWOOWIP**

WHY CAN'T I  
REACH ZERO?!

SORRY, SIR. DURING  
OPERATIONS, ONLY  
HUNTER-RELATED  
BUSINESS CAN BE--

THIS *IS*--! DID  
THEY DESTROY  
THE ANCIENT  
MECHANILOID?

NOT EVEN  
CLOSE, SIR.

WE'VE BEEN  
HARRYING IT, BUT  
IT KEEPS ON  
MARCHING  
TOWARDS--  
**HEY!**

ZERO! VILE! **DON'T  
DESTROY IT!**

X?! I TOLD  
YOU TO LOOK  
AFTER DOCTOR  
CAIN!

LISTEN TO ME! DOCTOR CAIN  
FOUND A WARNING FROM WHEN  
THE ANCIENT MECHANILOID WAS  
CREATED! IT'S LOADED WITH  
**CHEMICAL WEAPONS!** IF YOU  
BLOW IT UP--!

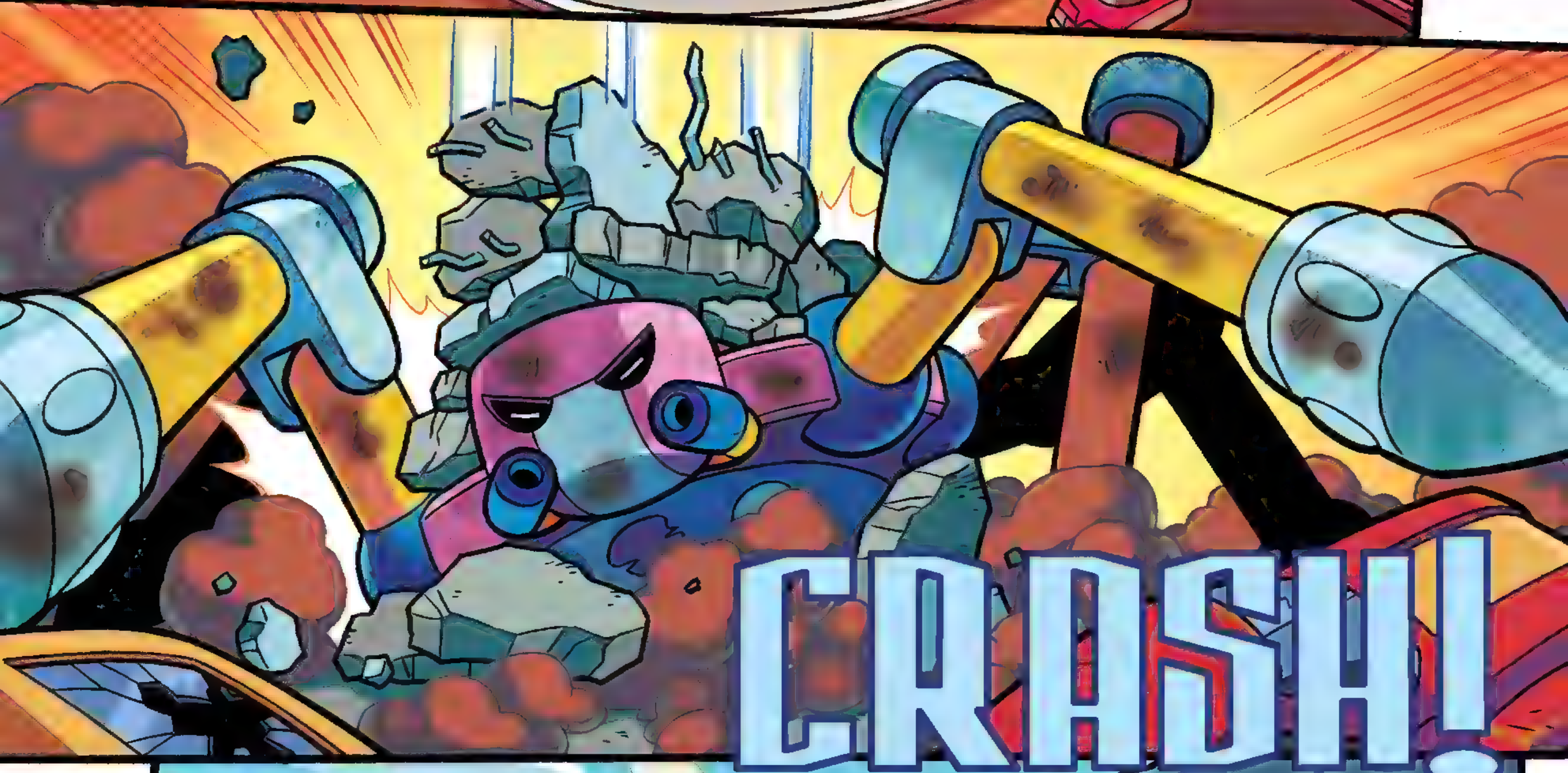
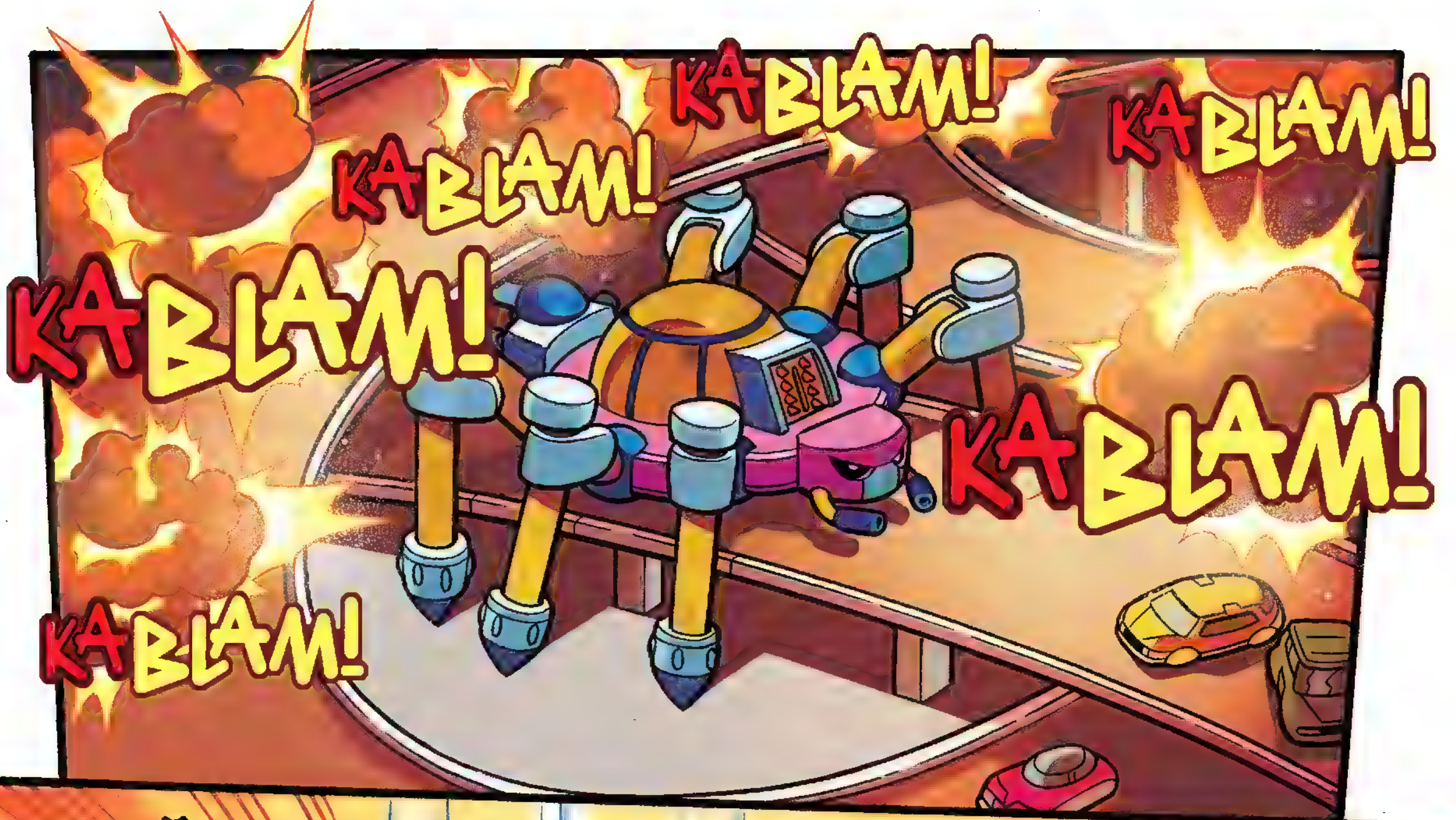
...WE ENDANGER ANY HUMANS  
WITHIN ITS BLAST RADIUS. **GREAT.**  
BUT IT'S HEADING FOR THE  
HIGHWAY. WE **HAVE** TO STOP IT  
OR--

OH.  
**STOP  
IT?**

**WHRR-CLICK!**

GOTCHA  
COVERED.

**FWEE!**



I WAS RIGHT!  
HEAVEN HELP US  
ALL--I WAS  
RIGHT!

**XANDER PAYNE**  
ANTI-ROBOT  
TERRORIST  
(FROM MEGA  
MAN'S TIME!)



HAVE YOU GONE MAVERICK?!

HOW MANY HUMANS DID YOU JUST KILL?!

FIRST--X? YOU DON'T GET TO QUESTION ME. YOU WARNED US OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS, REMEMBER?!

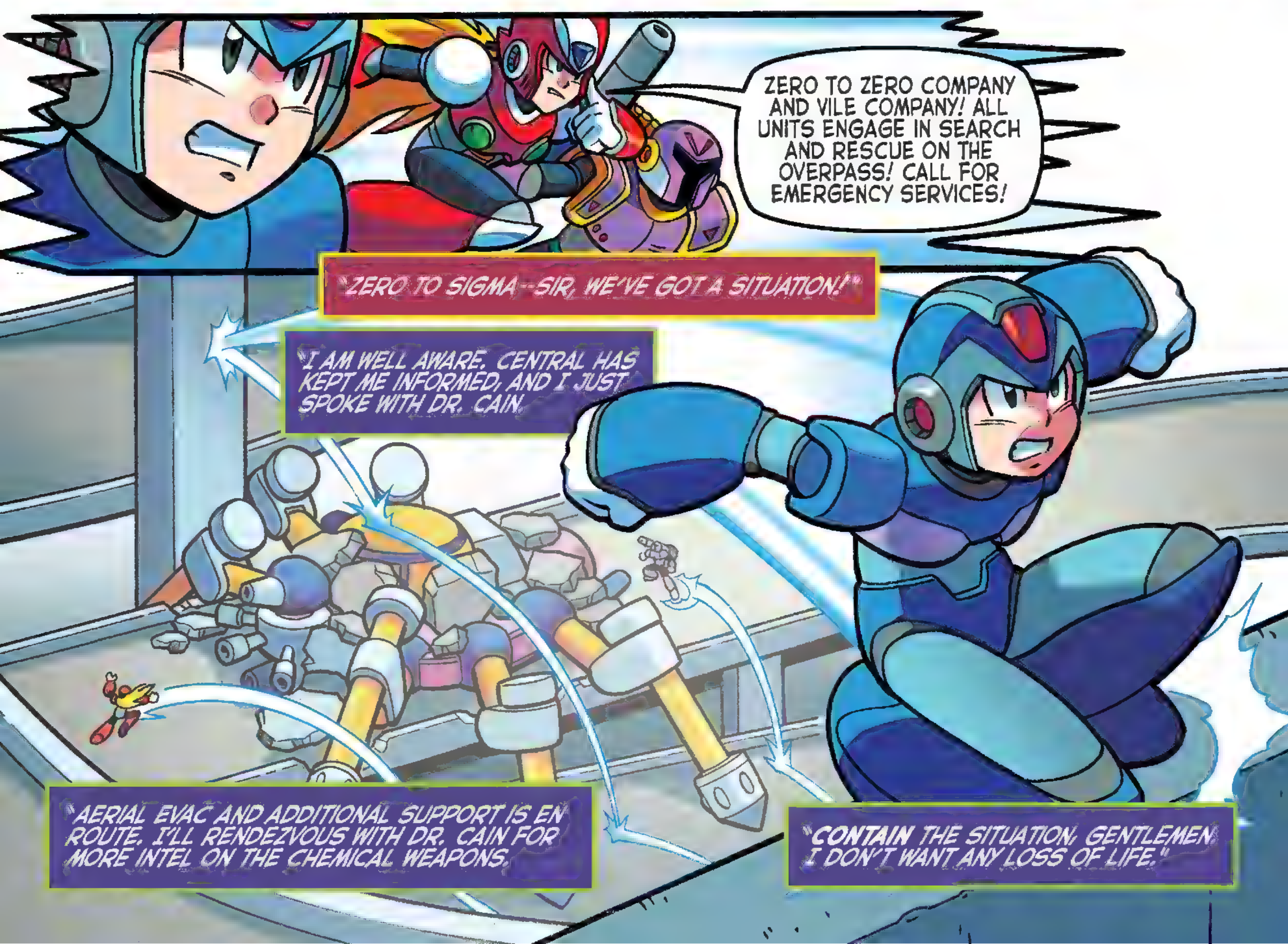
YOU MIGHT HAVE JUST KILLED SOME--

YEAH, MIGHT. AND THAT MAVERICK WILL KILL MORE THAN "SOME." SO LET'S FINISH THINGS WHILE IT'S DOWN!

X--YOU JOIN OUR SUPPORT COMPANIES AND TEND TO THE CIVILIANS.

SIGMA WILL HEAR ABOUT THIS, VILE.

WHATEVER.



ZERO TO ZERO COMPANY AND VILE COMPANY! ALL UNITS ENGAGE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE ON THE OVERPASS! CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES!

ZERO TO SIGMA--SIR, WE'VE GOT A SITUATION!

I AM WELL AWARE. CENTRAL HAS KEPT ME INFORMED, AND I JUST SPOKE WITH DR. CAIN

AERIAL EVAC AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IS EN ROUTE. I'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH DR. CAIN FOR MORE INTEL ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

CONTAIN THE SITUATION, GENTLEMEN. I DON'T WANT ANY LOSS OF LIFE.



STAY CALM!  
I'M NUDGING YOUR  
VEHICLE TO AN AREA  
MORE STRUCTURALLY  
SECURE!



HOLD ON!  
I'M COMING!

I-I CAN WALK...  
BUT THERE'S...A  
HUMAN OVER  
THERE...

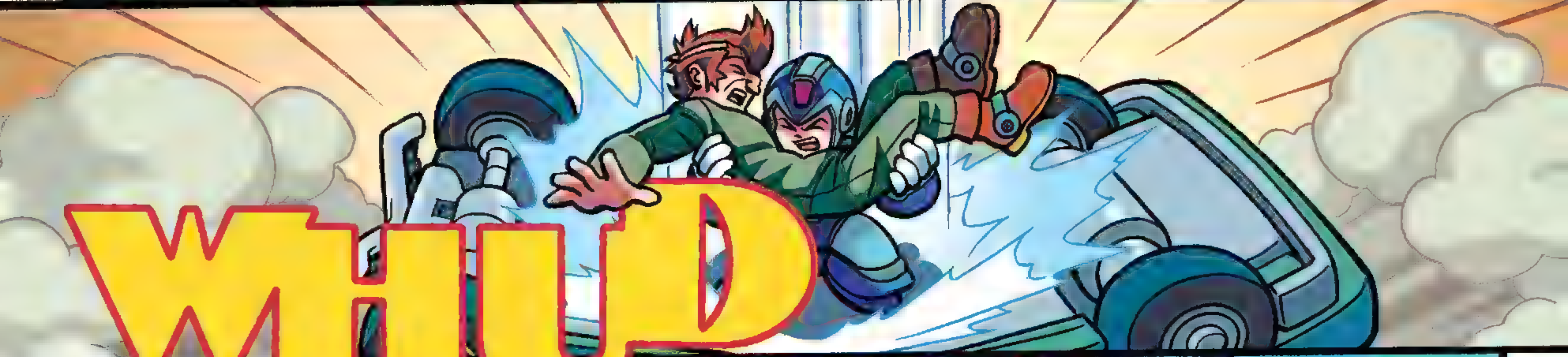
THANKS!  
I'LL BE BACK  
FOR YOU!

CURSE  
YOU,  
VILE...



AHHHHH!

NO!





SIR!

SIR!

PLEASE LISTEN! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT--!

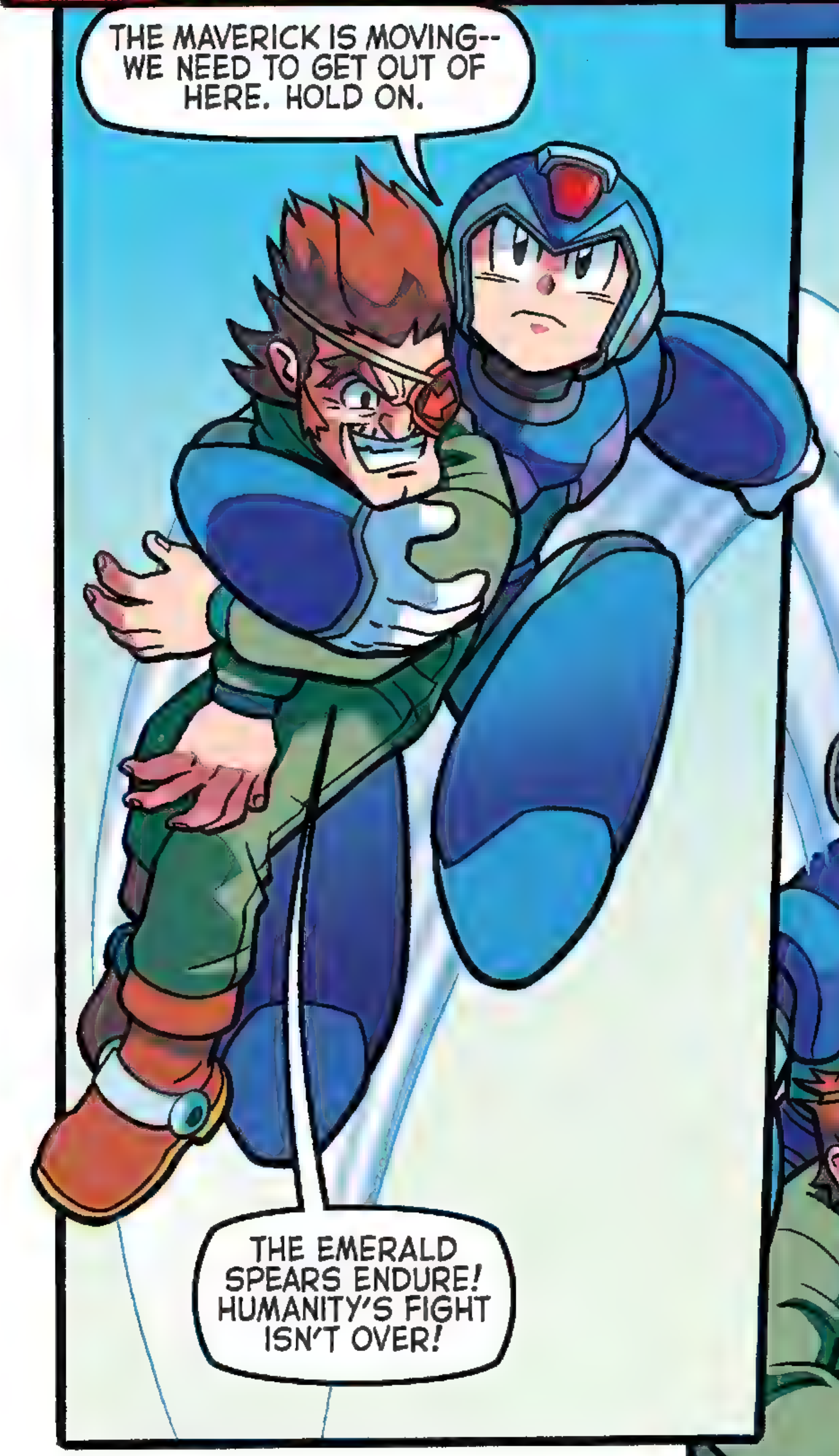


OH, YOU'RE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ANTI-TECHNOLOGY TERRORISTS, THE EMERALD SPEARS.

"ANOTHER"...? MY...PEOPLE ARE STILL...?

CAUSING TROUBLE, YES. I WAS SHOT AT BY SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS EARLIER TODAY.\*

\*MM#37.



THE MAVERICK IS MOVING-- WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. HOLD ON.

THE EMERALD SPEARS ENDURE! HUMANITY'S FIGHT ISN'T OVER!



WAIT-- "MAVERICK"?

YOU KNOW-- ROGUE ROBOTS.

...THE SAVAGE MACHINES TURN ON **EACH OTHER?!**

⇒SIGH⇒





HEY...YOU'RE X, RIGHT? I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU OUT HERE!

JUST TRYING TO HELP.

THIS MAN DOESN'T SEEM HURT, BUT HE'S A MEMBER OF A DANGEROUS TERRORIST GROUP.



AH--JUST WHAT THIS CRISIS NEEDED. ARE YOU GOING TO BEHAVE, SIR? OR DO I NEED TO RESTRAIN YOU?

YOU CAN BREAK EVERY BONE IN MY BODY, AUTOMATON, BUT YOU'LL NEVER BREAK MY SPIRIT!



OH, BOY. I'VE GOT SOME CUFFS HERE-- MEANT FOR REPLOIDS, BUT THEY SHOULD FIT HIM FINE FOR NOW.

THANKS. HOW GO THE RESCUE OPERATIONS?



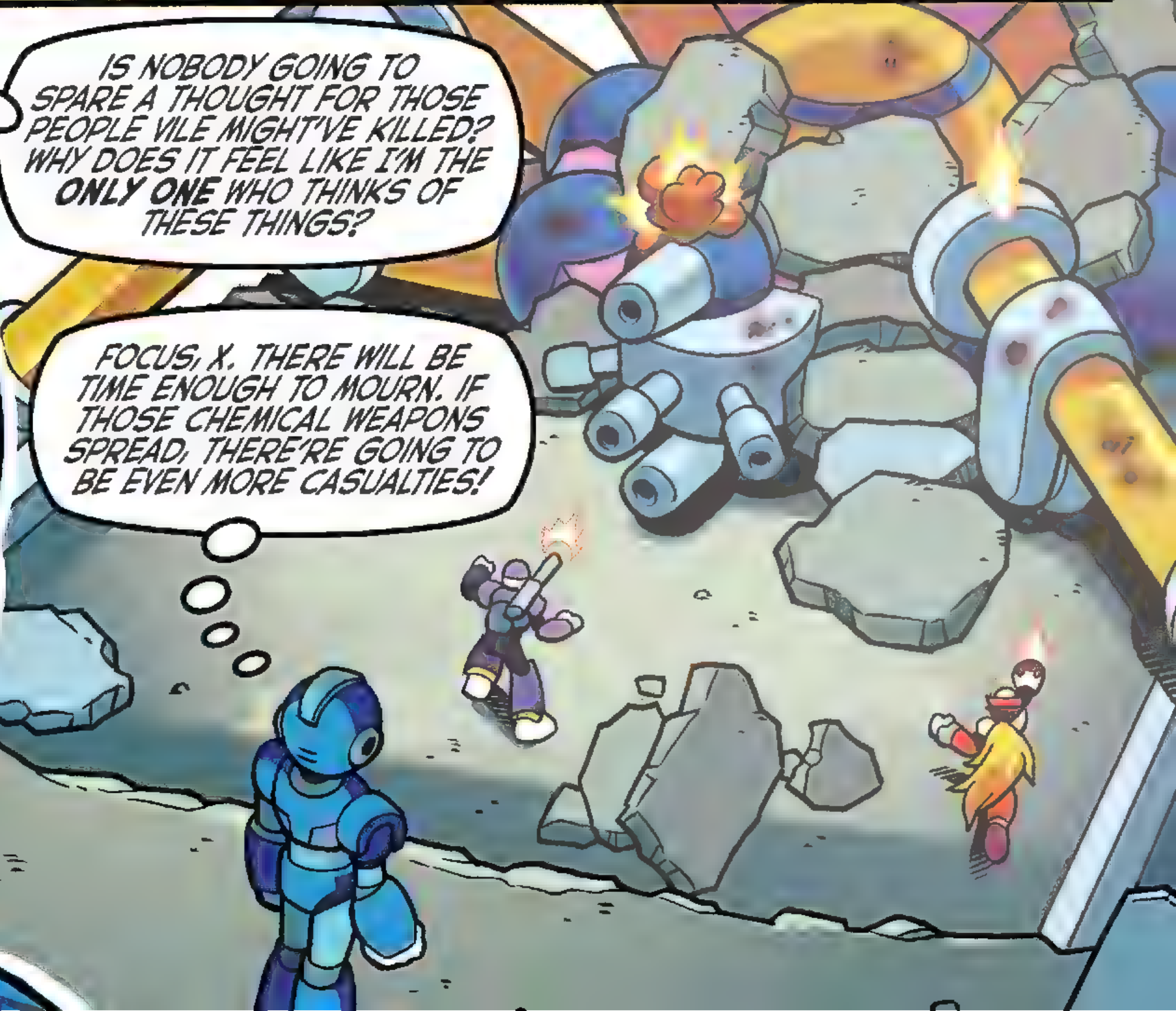
VERY WELL! WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING CONTAINED. WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THE SURVIVORS ACCOUNTED FOR SHORTLY!

GOOD! I HOPE EVERYONE RECOVERS QUICKLY!



IS NOBODY GOING TO SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE PEOPLE VILE MIGHT'VE KILLED? WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS OF THESE THINGS?

FOCUS, X. THERE WILL BE TIME ENOUGH TO MOURN. IF THOSE CHEMICAL WEAPONS SPREAD, THERE'RE GOING TO BE EVEN MORE CASUALTIES!



DON'T LOOK SO GLUM, FRIEND. AT LEAST YOU STILL HAVE YOUR GOOD EYE!

JEEZ...WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET ARRESTED DURING ALL THIS?

SIZZLE

LISTEN TO ME, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! I SEE NOW THAT I'VE FAILED YOU. BUT REST ASSURED--I *WILL NOT* FAIL AGAIN!

I HAVE SEEN MY FUTURE--YOUR PRESENT MISERY. I AM VINDICATED. I WILL HAVE TO CHANGE MY TACTICS, MAYBE SACRIFICE MY IDEALS, BUT I *PROMISE* YOU THIS:

I WILL DO *WHATEVER* IT TAKES TO STOP THE ROBOTS FROM TAKING OVER!

I PROMISE.

*WHATEVER* IT TAKES.

WOP!

MEANWHILE, BACK  
IN THE CHASM...

THE MESSAGE IS  
BADLY CORRUPTED,  
THE VOICE HEAVILY  
DISTORTED...

I CAN'T READ IT,  
BUT SOMEONE WITH  
YOUR ADVANCED  
OPTICS...

YES, I CAN SEE IT. IT  
APPEARS TO BE A FULL  
RUNDOWN OF ITS WEAPONS  
--SPECIFICALLY WHERE THE  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE  
HOUSED.

AND YET, FAMILIAR  
...REGARDLESS,  
I'VE BEEN MESSING  
WITH IT, AND I  
MANAGED TO  
ACCESS MORE  
DATA.

SIGMA  
COMMANDER  
OF THE  
MAVERICK  
HUNTERS

FSSST!

...AND WITH THAT, ITS  
POWER FAILS, AND  
WE'VE LOST OUR ONLY  
INSIGHT INTO THE  
NIGHTMARE I UN-  
LEASHED...

I LEARNED ALL I  
NEED. TAKE HEART,  
DEAR CREATOR...

...I WILL  
MAKE THINGS  
RIGHT.

**BRRRRRRRIDDLE**

**Blam!**

**SMASH!**

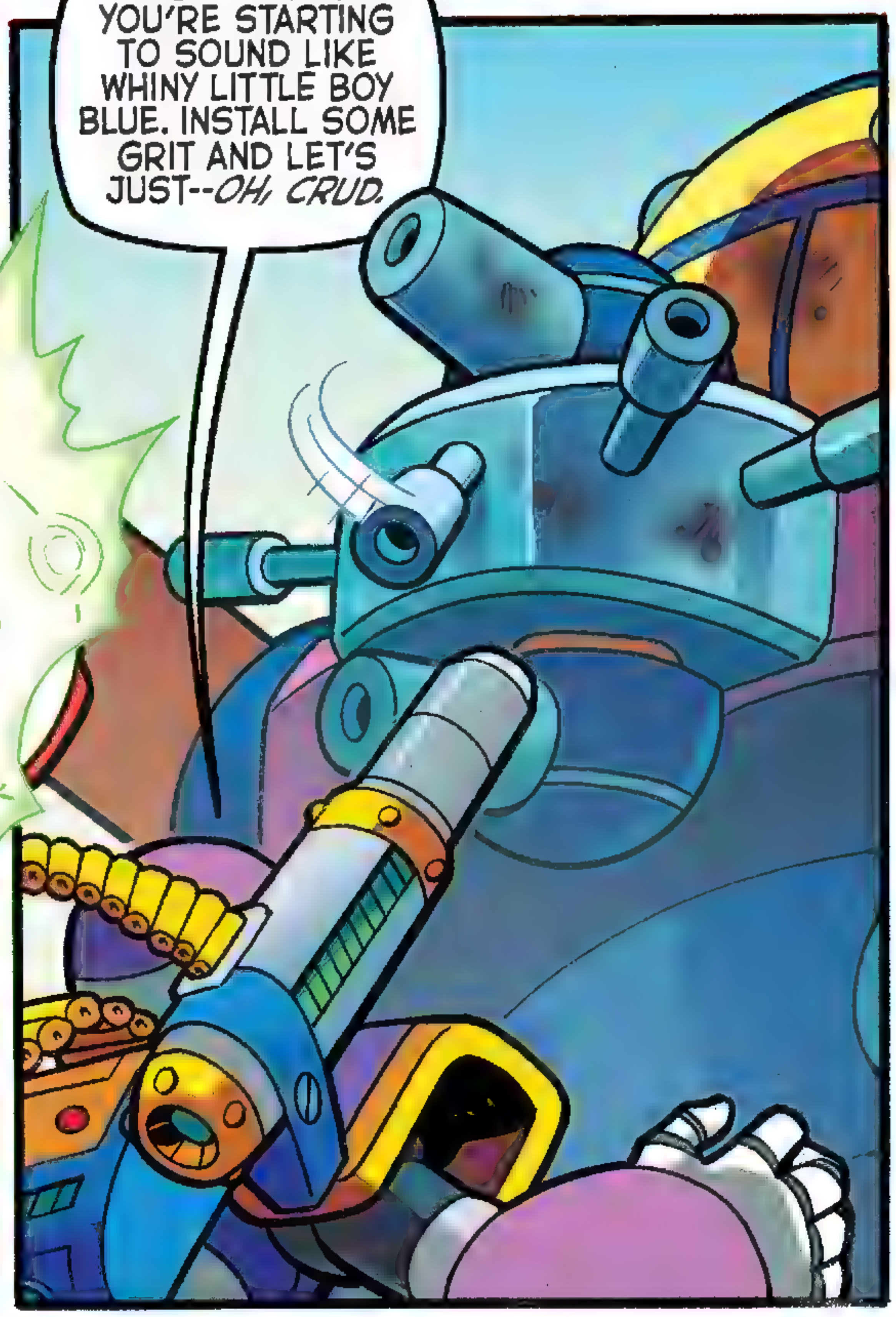
**THOOM!**

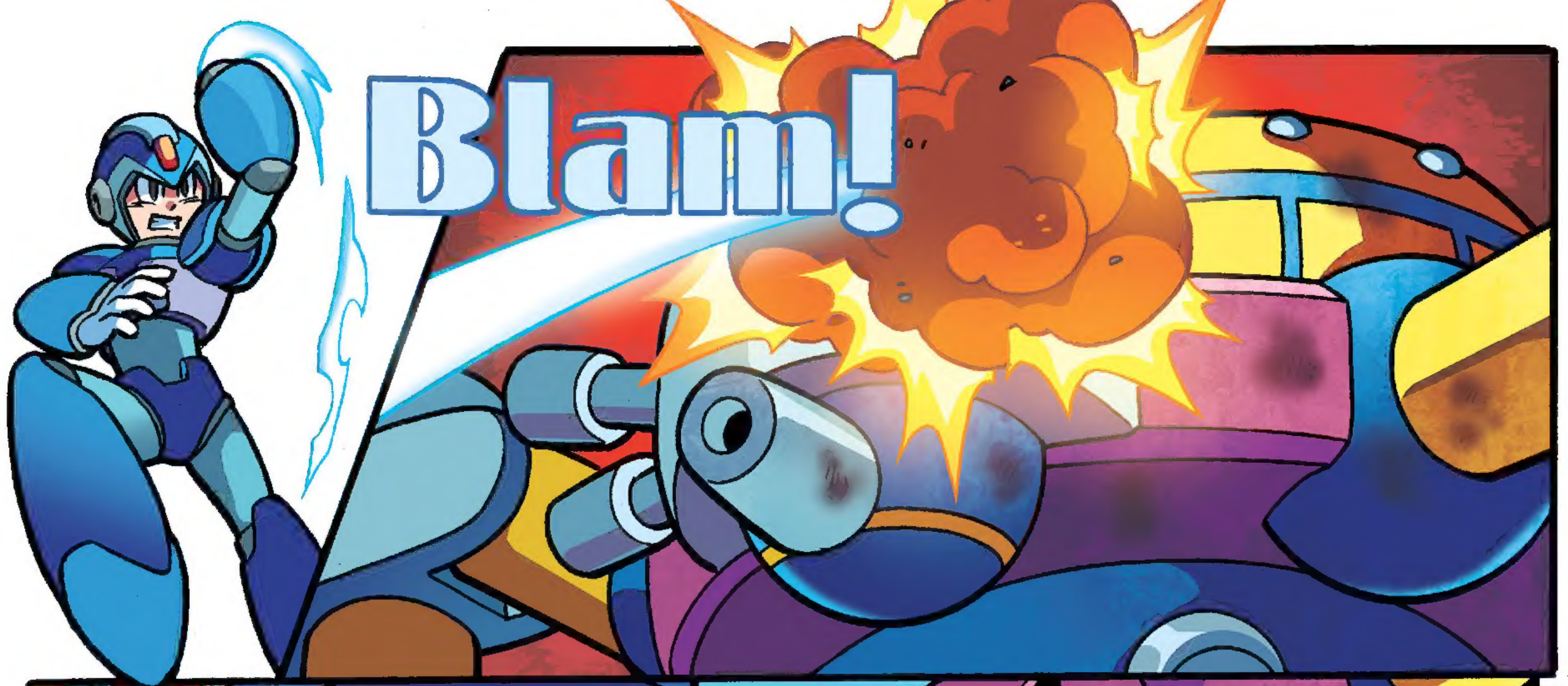
THIS ISN'T CUTTING IT--I'M BLOWIN' ONE OF ITS LEGS OFF!

**BRRRRRRRIDDLE**

NO! NO EXPLOSIVES! WE'RE LUCKY YOU DIDN'T SMASH SOMETHING OPEN AND LET THE HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS LEAK!

UGH. ZERO, YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE WHINY LITTLE BOY BLUE. INSTALL SOME GRIT AND LET'S JUST--OH, CRUD.



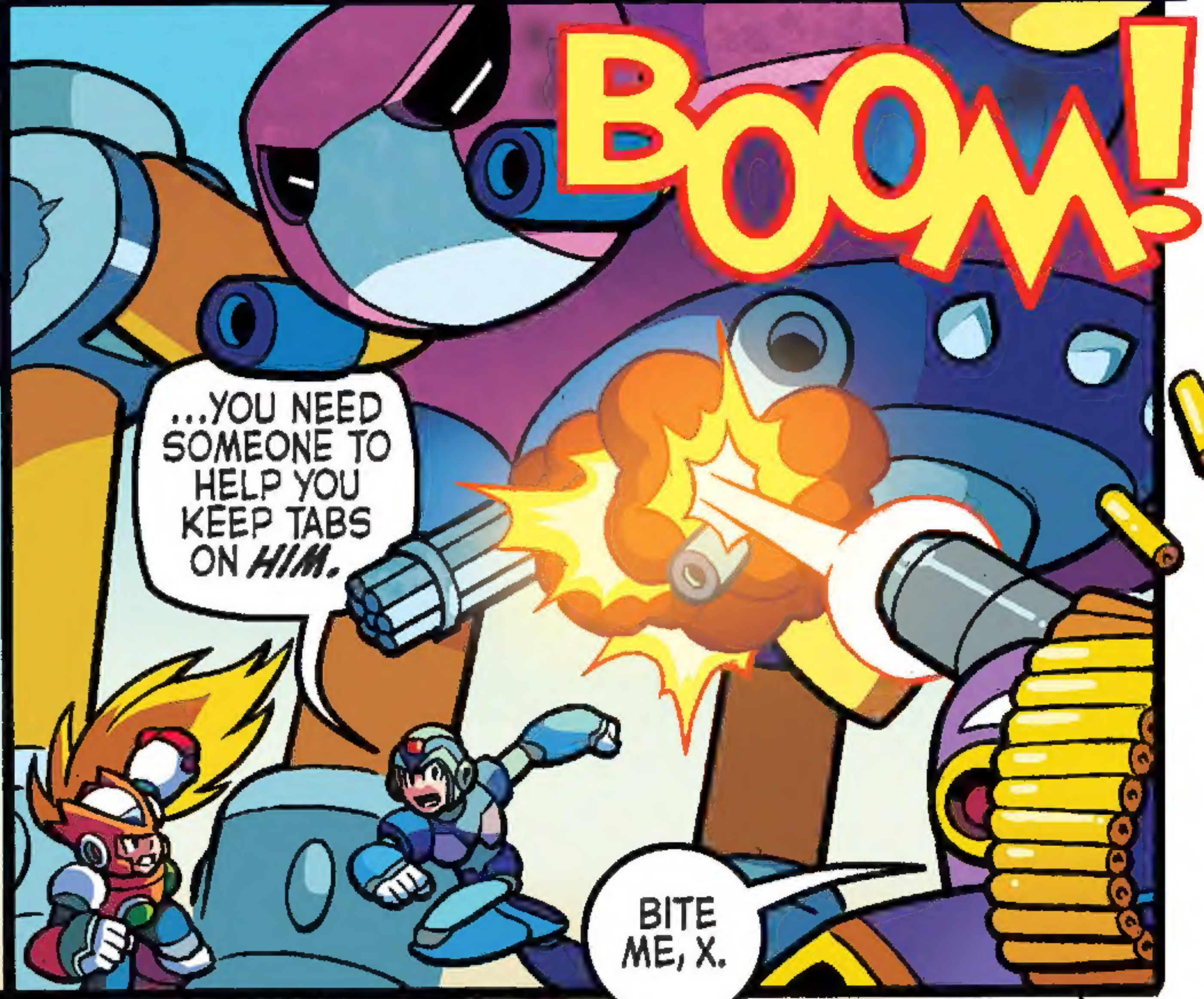


Blam!



HEY!  
COME TO  
JOIN THE  
PARTY?

THE SITUATION AT  
THE OVERPASS IS  
UNDER CONTROL.  
BESIDES...



BOOM!

...YOU NEED  
SOMEONE TO  
HELP YOU  
KEEP TABS  
ON HIM.

BITE  
ME, X.

BWOO-WIP

C-COMMANDER  
SIGMA!

X! GOOD OF YOU  
TO JOIN US. I WILL  
NEED ALL THREE  
OF YOU TO KEEP  
ITS ATTENTION...





...WHILE I  
DISABLE IT  
ONCE AND  
FOR ALL!

>>ANALYZING...  
>>TARGETS REGISTER AS EXTREME THREAT  
>>ARMING ALL CHEMICAL WARHEADS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCH...

OFFLINE  
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CHEM:  
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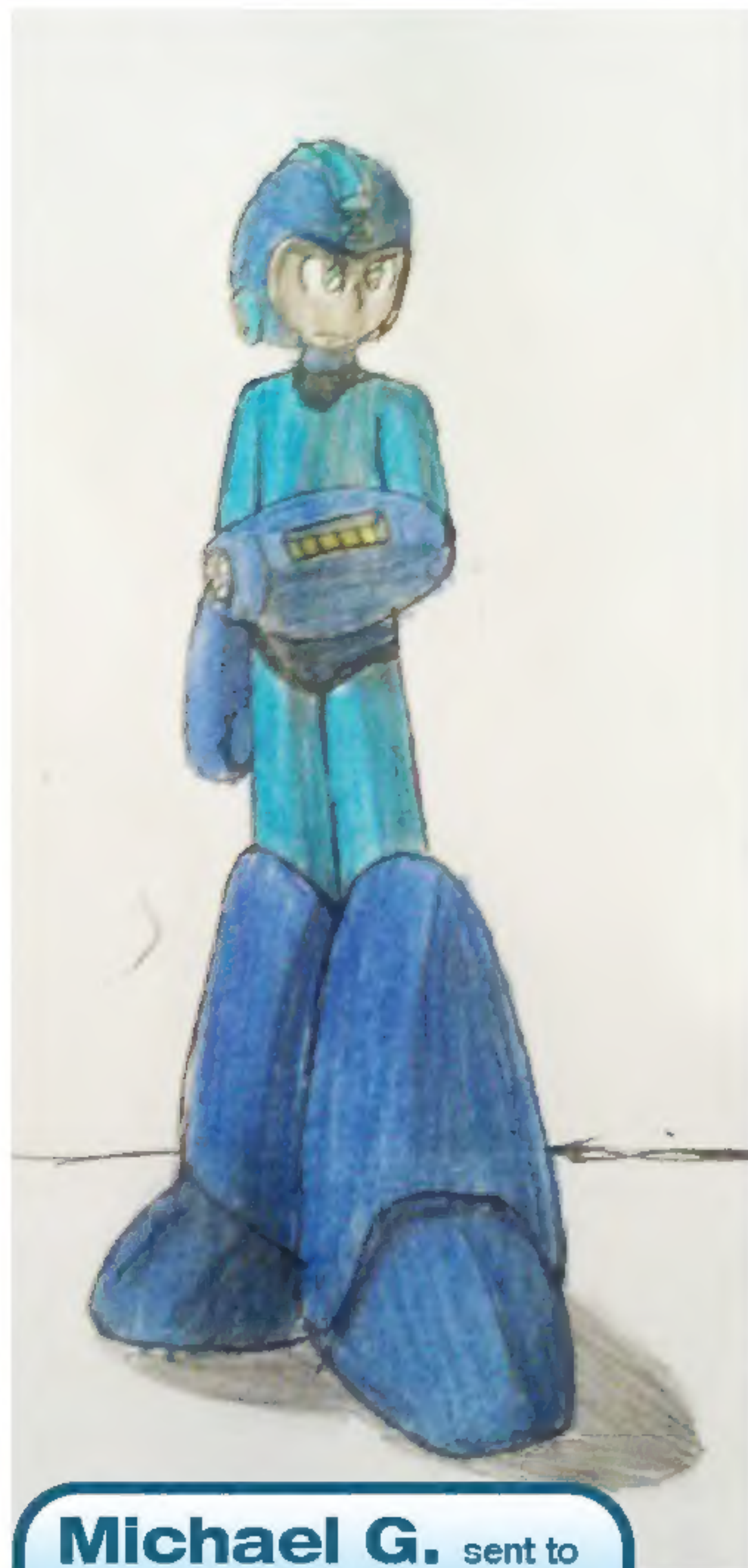


**MEGA MAN** --TRAPPED WITH THE *WILY WALKER!*  
**X**--UNAWARE HIS *FUTURE* IS ABOUT TO *END!*  
SEE HOW *PAST AND FUTURE COLLIDE* IN THE *EXPLOSIVE FINALE* NEXT TIME!  
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

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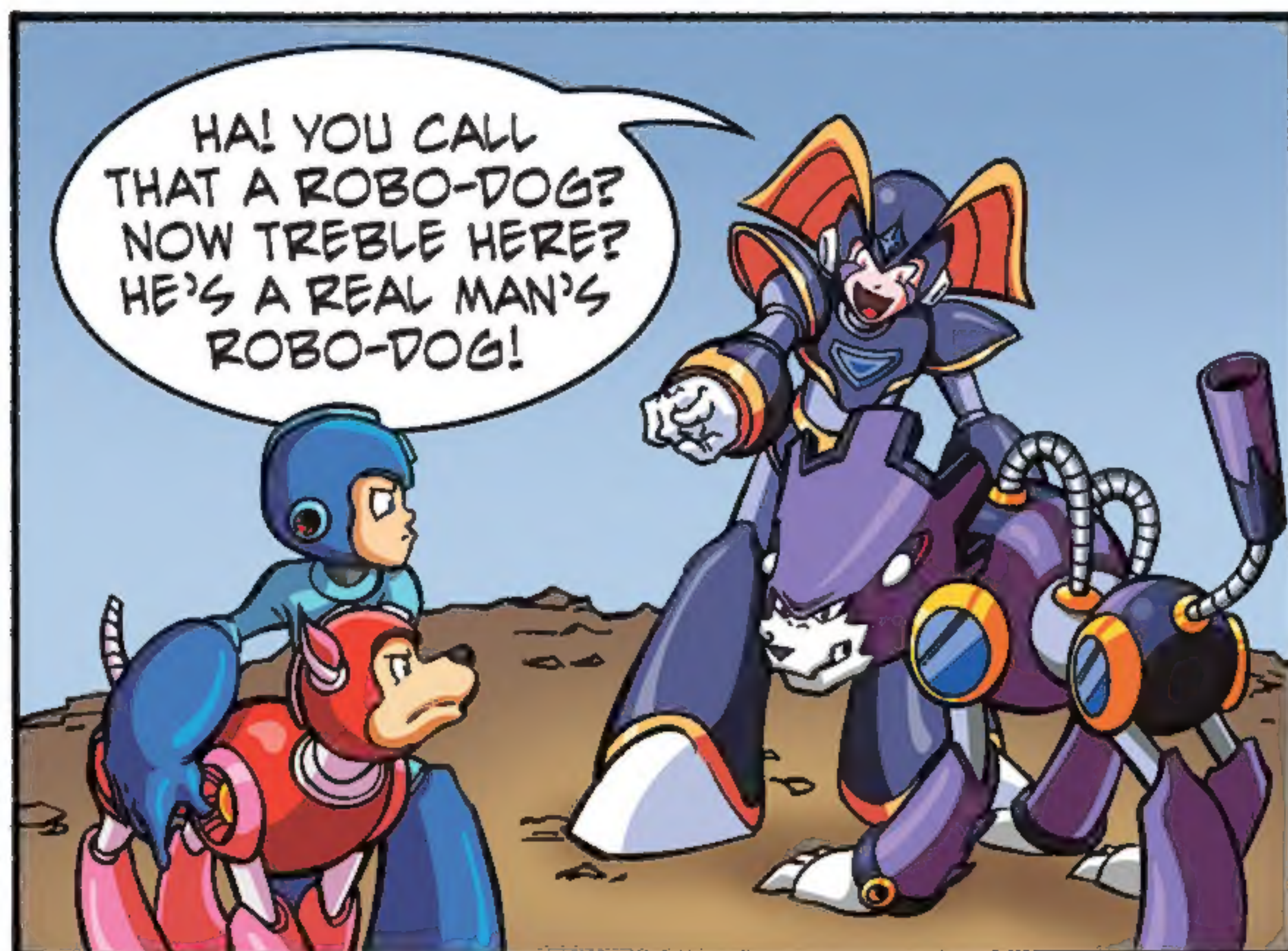
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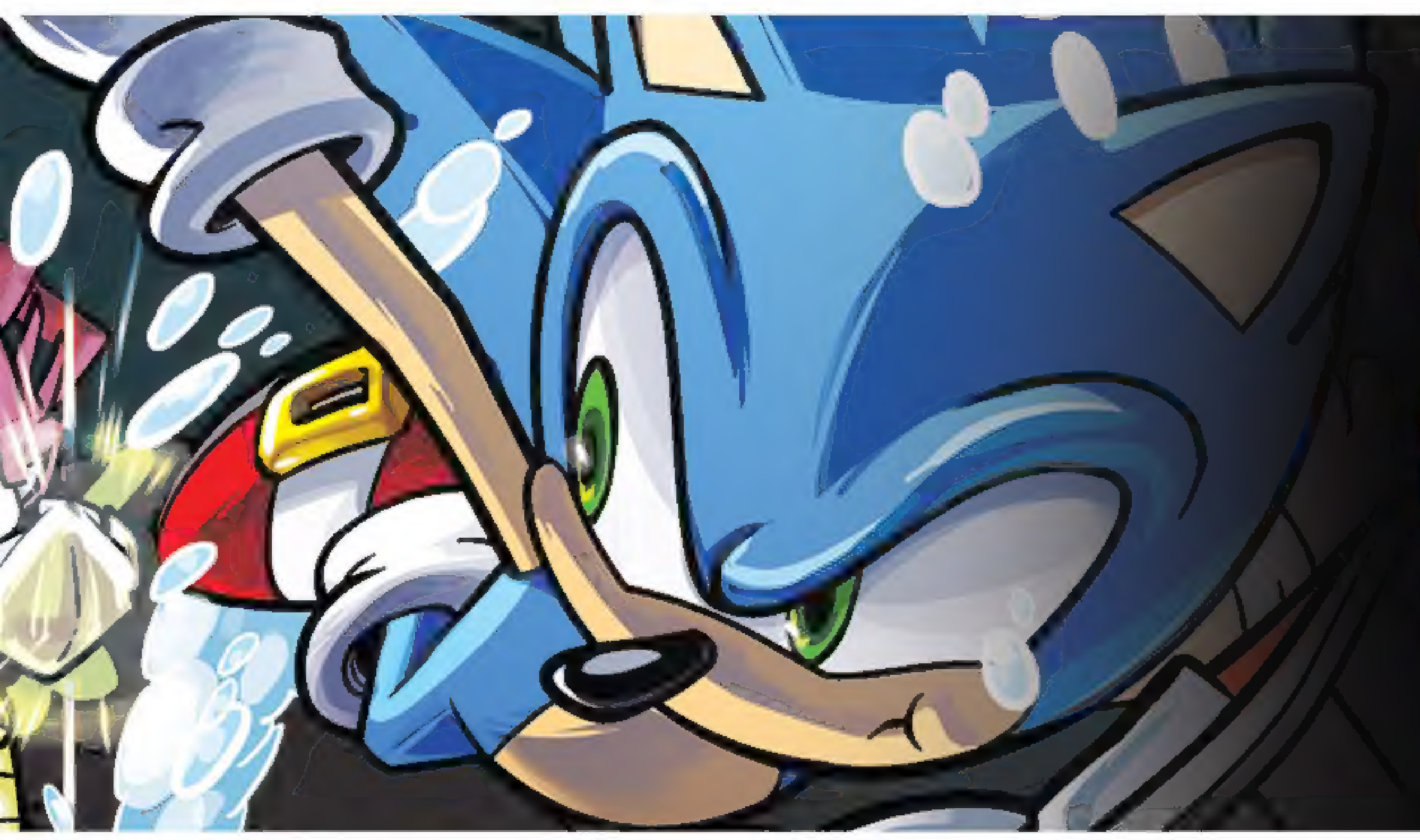
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## MAN

DAWN OF X



**AWESOME**



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